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SUBJECT:ECE: POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE ENVIRONMENT

REF: (A) STATE 130044; (B) GENEVA 4566

1. AS INDICATED REF (A), US REPLY TO STANOVNIK'S MAY 9
LETTER HAS BEEN PREPARED. TEXT FOLLOWS IN PARA 2.

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MISSION REP SHOULD PRESENT ORALLY US LETTER AT JUNE 23
WESTERN CAUCUS MEETING AND REPORT ANY REACTIONS TO OUR
APPROACH. US REP SHOULD STRESS THAT LETTER SHOULD NOT
RPT NOT BE INTERPRETED AS DIMINUTION OF US SUPPORT FOR
NORWEGIAN TRANS-BOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION INITIATIVE, NOR
A WATERING DOWN OF IT. MISSION SHOULD ALSO DELIVER TEXT
OF LETTER TO STANOVNIK FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
LINDSEY GRANT.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. STANOVNIK:
WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING LETTER
FROM LINDSEY GRANT IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF MAY 9, 1977.
I WISH TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY VIEWS OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WITH REGARD TO CONSIDERA-

TION OF TOPICS WHICH MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION
AT A POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
OF THE ECE ON THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES RECALLS THE
CRITERIA SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION 1 (XXXII) FOR ARRIVING
AT A DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO HOLD A HIGH-LEVEL
MEETING ON THE ENVIRONMENT, NAMELY, INTER ALIA, THAT THE
SUBJECT MATTER SHOULD REQUIRE (UNDERLINED) A HIGH LEVEL
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OF REPRESENTATION; THAT SUCH A MEETING SHOULD HOLD THE
PROMISE OF IMPORTANT DECISIONS; AND THAT THE TOPICS SHOULD
INVOLVE SUBJECT MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE REGION AS A
WHOLE. WHILE THE UNITED STATES QUESTIONS WHETHER THERE
ARE PRESENTLY TOPICS MEETING THESE CRITERIA, WE BELIEVE
THE SUBJECT MOST LIKELY TO DO SO IS THE ONE WHICH HAS
BEEN GIVEN CONTINUING ATTENTION BY THE SENIOR ADVISERS
TO ECE GOVERNMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, NAMELY
QUOTE LONG-RANGE TRANSPORT OF AIR POLLUTANTS. UNQUOTE

THE PROBLEM OF TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION
IS PERVASIVE, BOTH ON THE EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN
CONTINENTS. IT HAS RECEIVED FRUITFUL TECHNICAL ATTENTION
BOTH IN THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND
DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE ECE, AND NOW WOULD APPEAR READY
FOR INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ATTENTION AT THE POLICY LEVEL. IN
PARTICULAR, THE FOCUS MIGHT BE BROADENED TO EMBRACE THE
POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF THE EFFECTS OF TRANS-BOUNDARY
AIR POLLUTION ON WATER AND LAND, INCLUDING THE MONITORING
OF THESE EFFECTS AND ACTIONS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN INTER-
NATIONALLY TO ADDRESS THEM. HOWEVER, DISCUSSIONS REGAR-
DING THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THIS TO,IC FOR SUCH CONSID-

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ERATION SHOULD, I BELIEVE, BE A PRIME OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF SENIOR ADVISERS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS YOU HAVE CALLED FOR SEPTEMBER 19-21, 1977.

AS TO OTHER POSSIBLE SUBJECTS WHICH MIGHT BE DISCUSSED AT A HIGH-LEVEL ECE MEETING, SUCH AS THOSE YOU INFORMALLY MENTIONED AT YOUR MAY 26 LUNCHEON WITH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF ECE MEMBER COUNTRIES, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ARGUMENTATIN FOR OR AGAINST THEM AT THE SEPTEMBER AD HOC SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISERS MEETING, PROVIDED (UNDERLINED) THAT DOCUMENTATION ON EACH IS PROVIDED SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING TO ALLOW FOR CAREFUL PRIOR CONSIDERATION IN NATIONAL CAPITALS. I WISH TO STRESS, HOWEVER, OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

POSITION THAT ANY TOPIC FORMALLY PROPOSED AT THE SEPTEMBER, OR SUBSEQUENT, MEETING OF SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISERS WOULD HAVE TO CONFORM FULLY TO THE CRITERIA LISTED IN RESOLUTION 1 (XXXII) BEFORE THE UNITED STATES

COULD AGREE TO BASING A POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL ECE MEETING ON IT, IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CIRCULATING COPIES OF THIS LETTER TO ALL ECE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR INFORMATION. WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS. SINCERELY, LINDSEY GRANT. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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